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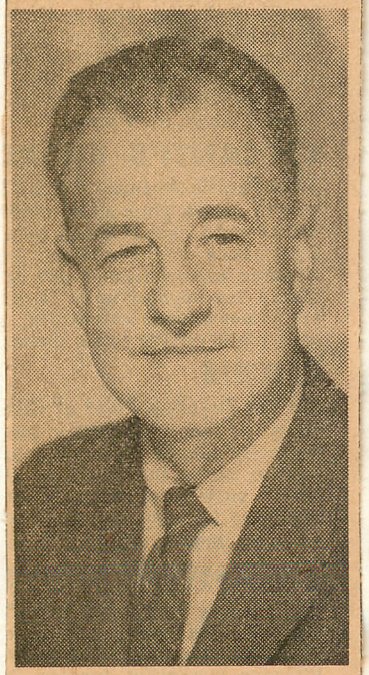
Walter Huber Named TGH Administrator

Walter L. Huber today was appointed administrator of the Tacoma General Hospital.

He succeeds Alexander L. Babbit, who resigned the executive post but will remain with the hospital organization to supervise the $2,700,000 program of construction and remodeling starting soon.

Appointment of Huber, who has been assistant administrator for



WALTER L. HUBER

the past four years, was made by Corydon Wagner, president of the hospital's board of directors.

Here Since 1934

A resident of Tacoma since 1934, Huber joined the hospital staff in March 1950 as controller. Before that he had been engaged

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Walter Huber TGH Head

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in public accounting work and in sales supervision and personnel.

In the hospital field he has served as president of the Washington Chapter of the American Association of Hospital Accountants and now is a member of the Health and Welfare Advisory Committee of the Washington State Hospital Assn. He is also chairman of the board of the

ALEX L. BABBIT

First Baptist Church and a member of the downtown Kiwanis Club.

A graduate of the University of Washington cum laude, he took his bachelor degree in business administration, majoring in accounting.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber have two sons, Robert, a junior at the College of Puget Sound, and James, a freshman at Linfield College.

Held Post Since 1956

Babbit, for many years with the Bank of California, N.A., where he became vice president, served three years as president of the Tacoma General Hospital, resigning that post to become administrator in 1956. The task of guiding the big building program makes it impractical to continue in the administrative position, too, directors said.

The board last week gave the go-ahead to architects to complete plans for the enlarged hospital after receiving a $976,215 grant from the national Hill-Burton fund to add to money raised through public subscriptions the past year and to an already established building fund. Construction probably will be started in July.